

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the second paragraph on page 5 as follows:

~~Figure 1~~ Figures 1a and 1b is a network topology diagram illustrating example environments in which the present invention can operate;

Please amend the first paragraph on page 6 as follows:

Referring now to ~~Figure 1~~ Figures 1a and 1b, a network topology is shown which is an example of several network infrastructures that connect in some manner to a broader public IP network 10 such as the internet. ~~Figure 1~~ Figures 1a and 1b is in no way meant to be a precise network architecture, but only to serve as a rough illustration of a variety of network structures which can exist on a broadband IP network. Public IP network 10 can be accessed in a variety of ways. ~~Figure 1~~ Figures 1a and 1b shows the public IP network being accessed through a private AIP network 12 which can be the IP network of a company such as MCI or UUNET which provide private core networks. An endless variety of network structures can be connected to private IP network 12 in order to access other networks connected to private IP network 12 or to access public IP network 10.